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SUBJECT: ESTATE OF IVAN T. MOVCHAN

REF: 77 STATE 306610 AND PREVIOUS

KAP REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT:

"1. ANNA KOMAROVA, SISTER OF MOVCHAN, VISITED KAP AS SCHEDULED DECEMBER 27. SHE HAD RECEIVED GERALD EDWARDS NOVEMBER 22 LETTER BUT WAS CONFUSED ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR RECOVERING MOVCHAN'S BODY AND ESTATE. SHE NOW UNDERSTANDS SITUATION BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE DECISION ON RETURNING BODY UNTIL AFTER CONSULTING PARENTS IN DNEPTOPETROVSK.

2. RESPONSE TO REFS DELAYED PENDING OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN WHAT ADVICE INYURKOLLEGIA HAD GIVEN KOMAROVA. DANIEL MARKOVICH KURDELCHUK, INYURKOLLEGIA CHIEF FOR UKRAINE AND MOLDAVIA, STATED HE ADVISED HER THAT INYURKOLLEGIA COULD CONTACT THEIR CORRESPONDENT LAW FIRM IN THE US, WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF, AND JONES, 845 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, WHICH HANDLES UNCONTESTED ESTATE CASES. HOWEVER, HE ALSO ADVISED HER THAT LEGAL FEES MIGHT BE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF A SMALL ESTATE AND THAT SHIPMENT OF REMAINS WOULD ALSO BE EXPENSIVE. KOMAROVA ASKED HIM TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL SHE HAD CONSULTED WITH HER PARENTS. SHE HAS NOT CONTACTED HIM SINCE DECEMBER 27.

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3. WHILE NOT AWARE OF LEGAL ASPECTS OF CASE, IT APPEARS THAT IF EDWARDS IS APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR OF MOVCHAN'S ESTATE, IT MIGHT AVOID NECESSITY OF INVOLVING LAW FIRM AND CONSEQUENT LEGAL FEES. PERHAPS EDWARDS MIGHT CONTACT INYURKOLLEGIA REPRESENTATIVE AT SOVIET EMBASSY TO ARRANGE MORE DIRECT TRANSFER OF ASSETS."
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